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Dear Mr. Gross:

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I write only to include this Memorandum, written in English by Captain [REDACTED]. As you can see, this memorandum is a detailed report of the form and efficiency with which those amphibious airplanes denoted PBV-5A, commonly known as Catalinas, operate. These are the large amphibious planes used by the American Navy.

Captain Oliver, author of this memorandum, is a pilot employed by the Texas Petroleum Company who is flying one of these airplanes in Colombia and Venezuela for this company. His opinion then is authoritative.

I notify you that about a week ago I received a letter from Mr. Emmy Chamer of Guatemala. In that letter he told me to send him all the information possible with respect to these Catalina amphibious airplanes because he was interested in purchasing one as soon as possible. I sent him photographs and also a copy of this memorandum which I am sending you now. I do not know that he will have received my letter, thus it would be well if you, from your side, would send this memorandum to Guatemala by means of Mr. Ram.

From this letter that I received from Mr. Chamer I am informed that he is completely in the affair.

Well, [REDACTED], don't stop keeping us informed of the latest events. You know that we here have news from no one and therefore that we wait your letters anxiously.

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Affectionately

[REDACTED]

P.S. The plane designated C-47, which is mentioned in this memorandum is the 21 passenger Douglas. The amphibious Catalina plane is more or less of the same cargo capacity as the C-47.

Solorzano Thompson wrote again on the same day to enclose a newspaper clipping.

Dear [REDACTED]

I write only to include this clipping from the Herald Tribune. As you will see, the P.T. Boats do serve, and as a consequence those famous strategists whom we have are not what we thought.

Write us, do not be like all those who forget those who remain when they are gone.

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Affectionately

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Comment. The clipping referred to a group of British P.T. boats which had successfully completed a 4,500-mile experimental cruise in the Arctic. Solorzano Thompson's reference to boats and strategists would indicate that seaborne landings against Somoza were contemplated at one time and may well be again.

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